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ABSTRACT

1 An apparatus for covering objects, particularly payloads being shipped on flat bed trailers.

2 *is disclosed*

3 The apparatus comprises a slidable hoist connected to a track suspended over a payload. The hoist
4 has a retractable line which is connected to a spreader bar that can be connected to a covering that
5 will be lifted and spread over the payload as the hoist is maneuvered by a remote controlled system
6 along the track. The apparatus also comprises a rod that traverses beneath and near one end of the
7 track. The rod provides support to the trailing portion of the covering as it is pulled over the payload
8 by the hoist.